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## Sent Via E-Mail

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RE: Transvaginal Mesh MDL Common Benefit Fee and Cost Committee Preliminary Written Recommendation

Dear Mr. Balefsky:

We are writing to you on behalf of the Common Benefit Fee and Cost Committee appointed by the Honorable Joseph R. Goodwin with regard to MDL Nos. 2187, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2387, 2440, and 2511 (the "FCC"). At this time, the FCC has completed its Initial Review of your fee submissions and your final time and expense submission as accompanied by your affidavit in accordance with the Fee Committee Protocol established by the Court. For those firms who sought an opportunity to be heard regarding common benefit fees and expenses, those meetings have been completed. There were approximately 900,000 hours submitted to the FCC for review. The FCC has carefully reviewed each submission and has met with the co-leads of the MDL to discuss the contributions made by each firm to the MDL common benefit. For those firms that did not object to the hours and expense as delivered to you, the FCC deems that you have no objection regarding your hours or expenses for consideration.

The FCC now issues its Preliminary Written Recommendation with regard to the allocation of fees and expenses. The FCC currently recommends that your firm receive consideration for 9,402.19 hours of time and receive \$3,745,000.00 for common benefit. Additionally, the FCC currently recommends that your firm receive \$667,584.48 in reimbursement for held expenses that were for the common benefit of MDL claimants, plus the reimbursement of \$350,000.00 which was paid by your firm as an assessment in the MDL. The dollar amounts identified herein for the compensation for your contribution to the common benefit are based on the assumption by the FCC that there will be approximately \$344,000,000.00 available for payment of common benefit contributions at the time of the first distribution. The FCC also anticipates an additional amount of approximately \$49,000,000.00 will be paid for the reimbursement of held costs and MDL assessments in the first distribution.

The amounts discussed herein are the FCC's preliminary recommendation and are subject to change prior to the submission of the FCC's final written recommendation to the external review specialist, The Honorable Dan Stack. Please note that all amounts are proposed and are subject to the consideration and final decision of the MDL Court. The FCC anticipates that there will be subsequent distributions in the future. The FCC anticipates requesting that 70% of any additional funds received be distributed by the Court pro rata in accordance with the allocations made to applicant firms. In addition, the FCC anticipates that it will request that 30% of any additional funds be held pending further Order of the Court.

Each firm is receiving the basis for its allocation in accordance with the Fee Committee Protocol. Further, in accordance with the Fee Committee Protocol, attached to this letter are (1) the explanation of the basis of the allocation for your firm, and (2) an explanation of the time and expenses allowed by the FCC for every firm seeking compensation for common benefit. In making its Preliminary Written Recommendation, the FCC considered, over a period of two years, the factors set forth in the Orders regarding common benefit, including Section B (Criteria for Common Benefit Applications) of the Court's Order establishing common benefit compensation criteria for each of the firms seeking compensation. The FCC previously delivered to you those hours and expenses that the FCC identified as being disallowed for purposes of consideration for compensation through its delivery of Exhibits A, B and expenses at the conclusion of its Initial Review. The number of hours under consideration as common benefit was only one part of the evaluation process in regard to the FCC's Preliminary Written Recommendation. Based on the requirements of the Fee Committee Protocol, the FCC evaluated each firm using the same criteria and exercised its discretion in evaluating the degree to which the work and expense incurred by each firm furthered the common benefit of the litigation. To the extent a firm requested an opportunity to be heard by the FCC, the FCC has considered the information presented by firms and has incorporated its deliberations and decisions into its Preliminary Written Recommendation. Throughout its evaluation, the FCC was primarily focused on evaluating the contribution of each common benefit attorney to the outcome of the litigation.

If you accept the FCC's Preliminary Written Recommendation, you need take no further action. In accordance with the Fee Committee Protocol, if you wish to object to the preliminary written recommendation, you must notify the FCC on or before Friday, September 28, 2018, via email to the FCC Chairperson Henry Garrard at <a href="mailto:hgarrard@bbga.com">hgarrard@bbga.com</a>. Any objection is limited to ten (10) pages. Upon timely notice to the FCC, your objection will be considered by the FCC prior to the issuance of the final written recommendation by the FCC.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the matters addressed herein.

Very truly yours,

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